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Interviewee application of:  
Wang *et al.*) Examiner:  
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For: Home Network Device Information Group Art Unit: 2179  
Architecture  
Application No.: 09/592,599 ) Interview Summary for  
Filed: June 12, 2000 ) Telephone Interview of  
April 6, 2006

## Interview Summary

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby files this interview summary for the telephonic interview of April 6, 2006, conducted between the Examiner, and Applicant's representative Michael Zarrabian (Reg. No. 39,886).

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for courtesies shown during the telephone interview of April 6, 2006. The following is a summary of the points discussed in the interview. Independent claims, and in particular Claim 1, were discussed in view of cited reference Yang (USPN 6,133,847).

Applicant argued that there is no disclosure in Yang of a case in which initially information is obtained from the appliances to generate a top page that includes links for direct access to user interface information in the appliances, such that when a link in the top page is user selected, the appliance user interface information in the corresponding appliance is accessed to generate a user interface for user interaction with the selected appliance, as claimed. By contrast, in Yang, the control programs for appliances are in the memory 120 of the remote control 100, whereby when a device is selected, the remote control 100 does not access the selected device for obtaining user interface of the selected device. Rather, the remote control 100 accesses the memory 120 in the remote control itself for the user interface of the selected device.

Applicant further argued that there is no disclosure in Yang of a case where the remote control 100 presents to the user a top page with links for direct access to control programs contained in the appliances 150 themselves, wherein when the user selects an appliance link in the top page, the remote control 100 downloads the corresponding control program from the appliance itself, as claimed herein.

Applicant further argued that Yang does not disclose obtaining information from one or more of the devices currently connected to the network, generating a top page user interface description including a reference associated with the device information in each of said devices currently connected to the network, such that each reference includes at least one electronic link providing direct access from the top page user interface description to said device information

contained in said devices currently connected to the network, as claimed. It was also argued that there is no case in Yang wherein when a link in the top page user interface description is user activated, the control interface description in the corresponding device is accessed using the activated link to obtain device information and generate a device user interface for user interaction with that corresponding device, as claimed.

Applicant further argued that Yang, col. 8, lines 10-17, referred to by the Examiner, does not disclose that the device information in each device includes a user control interface description for user interaction with that device, such that when a link in the top page user interface description is user activated, the control interface description in the corresponding device is accessed using the activated link to obtain device information and generate a device user interface for user interaction with that corresponding device, as claimed.

Agreement was not reached. However the Examiner indicated that she will take the arguments and explanations into consideration when examining the response to the final rejection, previously filed in the case.

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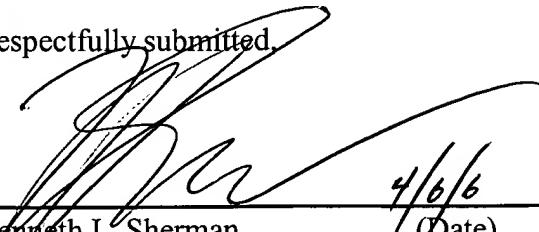
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